

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. An electric shaver comprising:
an oblong body having upper and lower ends and having
5 front and rear sides;
a pair of elongate shaving heads extending across the
upper body end on respective front and rear sides of the
body, each having an outer cutting foil and an inner
shearing cutter co-operable with the foil to perform a
10 cutting action; and
a drive mechanism located in the upper body end and in
drive engagement with the shaving heads for reciprocating
the two shearing cutters in opposite left and right
directions against the corresponding cutting foils for
15 cutting;
wherein at least a first of the shaving heads has a first
part and the upper body end is provided with a second
part, and the two parts are in movable engagement with
each other such that the first shaving head is
20 compressible downwardly to move outwardly from the
corresponding one of the front and rear sides of the
body, thereby stretching a user's skin flat to facilitate
shaving.

2. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 1, wherein
the movable engagement between the two parts comprises a
slidable engagement.

5 3. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 2, wherein
the slidable engagement between the two parts is linear
and inclined at an acute angle with respect to the body.

4. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 3, wherein
10 the slidable engagement between the two parts is inclined
at an angle of substantially 45° with respect to the
body.

5. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 1, wherein
15 the shearing cutter of the first shaving head includes a
base in engagement with the drive mechanism and includes
the first part, and the drive mechanism includes the
second part in said movable engagement with the first
part.

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6. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 5, wherein
the first part has a pair of legs flanking the second
part, and each of the legs and the adjacent side of the
second part include a protrusion in slidable engagement

within a slot to permit the downward and outward movement of the first shaving head.

7. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 1, wherein
5 the cutting foil of the first shaving head includes the first part and is supported by a fixture which is provided at the upper body end and includes the second part is in said movable engagement with the first part.

10 8. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 7, wherein the cutting foil has opposite ends each providing the first part, the fixture has opposite ends each providing the second part adjacent a respective said first part, and the adjacent first and second parts of each pair 15 include a protrusion in slidable engagement within a slot to permit the downward and outward movement of the first shaving head.

9. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 1, wherein
20 the second shaving head has substantially the same construction as the first shaving head, both shaving heads being compressible downwardly to move outwardly from the corresponding front and rear sides of the body.

10. The electric shaver as claimed in claim 1, wherein
the shearing cutter of each shaving head comprises a row
of cutter blades mounted fast on an elongate member that
is in turn supported at its mid-length by a spring
5 connected to a base in engagement with the drive
mechanism.